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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR OPERATING RIGHTS IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT 2127

REF: A. STATE 258670 (192030Z OCT 76) B. ADOD LTR 73/437,
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1. (C) THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA (GOA) HAS RESPONDED
FAVORABLY TO AMEMB NOTE NO. 156, 20 SEPT 76, REQUESTING OPER-
ATING RIGHTS IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT 2127.

2. (C) AMEMB NOTE NO. 156 IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:
QUOTE: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS
ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HAS
THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND AUSTRALIA ON
MARCH 25, 1970 CONCERNING A CONTINUED PROGRAM OF COOPERATION
TO FACILITATE SPACE FLIGHT OPERATIONS CONTRIBUTING TO THE
ADVANCEMENT OF MUTUAL SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF MAN'S SPATIAL
ENVIRONMENT AND ITS EFFECTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT
OF COOPERATION INHERENT IN THAT AGREEMENT, AND WITH PARTICULAR
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REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 2 (3), FURTHER DISCUSSION HAVE BEEN HELD
BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH COUNTRIES LOOKING TOWARD USE
OF THE AUSTRALIAN WOOMERA RANGE FOR LAUNCHING OF SOUNDING
ROCKETS FOR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS.

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE DISCUSSIONS, IT IS PROPOSED THAT
THE TWO GOVERNMENT COOPERATE IN A PROGRAM INVOLVING THE

LAUNCHING FROM WOOMERA DURING 1977 OF UP TO SIX AEROBEE SOUNDING ROCKETS FOR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS, AND SUCH ADDITIONAL LAUNCHINGS IN THE FUTURE AS MAY BE CONSENTED TO BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. THE 1977 PROGRAM WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE PROGRAMS CONDUCTED IN 1970 AND 1973 UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME AGREEMENT.

"IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE SPECIFIC NUMBER, CHARACTER, PURPOSE AND SCHEDULE OF SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS TO BE PERFORMED AS PART OF THE PROGRAM, THE ALLOCATION OF TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE LAUNCHINGS, THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT IN RELATION TO THE PROGRAM, THE PROVISIONS OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR ROCKET LAUNCHING, TRACKING AND TELEMETERING OF INFORMATION FROM EACH ROCKET, THE RECORDING AND SHARING OF INFORMATION FROM EACH ROCKET AND THE PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROGRAM BE AGREED UPON BY THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, THE COOPERATING AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, THE COOPERATING AGENCY DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA.

"IT IS FURTHER PROPOSED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 3 THROUGH 12 OF THE AGREEMENT OF MARCH 25, 1970 BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SHALL APPLY MUTATIS MUTANDIS WITH RESPECT TO THIS JOINT PROGRAM.

"THE EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA, THIS NOTE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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THE REPLY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO THAT EFFECT, SHALL TOGETHER CONSTITUTE AND EVIDENCE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY, AND SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR THREE YEARS.

"THE EMBASSY AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION". UNQUOTE.

3. (C) GOA RESPONSE TO AMEMB NOTE NO. 156 ABOVE WAS RECEIVED 14 JAN 77 AS FOLLOWS: ATE: THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS THE HONOUR TO CONFIRM THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA CONCURS IN THE PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE AND AGREES THAT THE EMBASSY'S NOTE AND THE PRESENT REPLY SHALL TOGETHER CONSTITUTE AND EVIDENCE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE MATTER WHICH SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF THIS REPLY. UNQUOTE

4. (C) THE MEETING BETWEEN US AND AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS
SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST WEEK IN MAR 77 SEEMS TO BE ENTIRELY
SATISFACTORY. DETAILS CAN BE DISCUSSED AND RESOLVED AT
THAT TIME.
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